

KIT CARSON'S COMMISSION.

Historical Document that Made Him
Lieutenant Discovered in
Las Vegas.

The commission of Christopher Carson as second lieutenant, by President Polk, dated June 9, 1847, was found by Traveling Engineer John A. Ross, of the Santa Fe road, in an old desk in Las Vegas a few days ago. It was among some papers that had belonged to the G. A. R., but how it got there and how long it has been hid from public view no one seems to know. Mr. Ross sent the document to Governor Otero, who will present it to the New Mexico historical library, where it will be hereafter treasured as a precious relic.

The commission is printed on sheepskin parchment, 15½x17½ inches, and reads as follows: "The president of the United States of America" (in semi-circular form, with the American eagle and "E pluribus unum" immediately beneath.) "To all who shall see these presents, greeting: Know ye that resposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity and abilities of Christopher Carson, I do appoint him second lieutenant in the regiment of mounted riflemen in the service of the United States, to rank as such from the ninth day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-seven. He is therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of second lieutenant by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging, and I do strictly charge and require all officers and soldiers under his command to be obedient to his orders as second lieutenant. And he is to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as he shall receive from me or the future president of the United States of America or the general or other superior officers set over him according to the rules and discipline of war. This commission to continue in force during the pleasure of the president of the United States for the time being. Given under my hand at the city of Washington, this ninth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the seventy-first year of the independence of the United States.

"By the president:

"JAMES K. POLK,

"W. L. MARCY,

"Secretary of War."

Below is an elaborate war department design of banners, cannon, drums, and various military weapons and insignia. In one corner of this indorsement is written: Recorded volume 12, page 550, adjutant general's office, June 9, 1847. R. Jones, adjutant general."

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There are a thousand things the people ought to do, and although they admit it, they never will do them.

BEULAH BUDGET.

Correspondence of THE OPTIC.

BEULAH, N. M., Nov. 18.—In the absence of general news, I send a copy of rhyme, written by Miss Pearl Barker, on the occasion of her 17th birthday, into which are woven a number of the name of parties present. RUSTICS.

—MY PARTY.

Shall I sing you of a party
In the happy "Beulah Land,"
Where we met all hale and jolly—
Met among the mountains grand;
Met in days of chill November,
Eighteen hundred and ninety eight,
Met the seventeenth anniversary
Of my birth to celebrate?

Snow lay over hill and valley,
Frozen everything around,
Yet the "Clay" was soft as ever,
Warm and pleasant was the "Ground;"
And the "Walkers" all were active,
Though no races did they run,
And the dogs were not permitted,
"Barkers" tail helped in the fun.

Out of doors 'twas cold and snowy,
Yet around 'tis strange to say,
Mid the snow and ice of winter,
"Flowers" stood both bright and gay;
All outside was slowly freezing,
Yet someone dared to presume,
That there should be warmth in plenty
From the "Burns" within the room.

All at first was dull and sober,
Later, every now and then,
Some remarked upon the brilliant
Sunny freshness of the "Glenn;"
Now my syllables I've counted,
'Till my brain is in a whirl,
So I'll sign myself the only
Jewel of the party,

—PEARL.

HOLD-UPS AT WORK.

One day last week, what was supposed to be the same two men who held up E. E. Burdick's ranch on the Gila, made their appearance at H. M. Porter's V X T ranch in western Socorro county and rounded up the horse herd, taking fresh horses, and a lot of food, and other articles, which they apparently needed in their business.

The manager of the ranch took some exceptions to such proceeding and filed a demurrer, whereupon, as in the case of Joe Hampson's foreman, he was allowed three days in which to make himself scarce. He at once packed up his personal effects and went to Socorro.

How long such deeds are to continue is a matter for the officers of the law to determine, but now that the elections are over, and they have time to attend to it, would it not be well that some organized effort be made to put a stop to such work before some one is murdered or a train held up?—Deming Headlight.

DISCOVERED BY A WOMAN.

Another great discovery has been made, and that too by a lady in this country. "Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly, and could not sleep. She finally discovered a way to recovery, by purchasing of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and was so much relieved on taking first dose, that she slept all night, and with two bottles, has been absolutely cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz." Thus writes W. C. Ham-mick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Trial bottles free at Murphy, Van Patten Drug Co. and Browne-Manzanera Co.'s drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Every bottle guaranteed.

A sheep-killing dog seldom kills sheep at home.

HOT SPRING SPRAYS.

Budget of Newey Notes Gathered In and
About the Big Hostelry.

Miss Julia Warner, of Little Rock, Ark., is conducting the public school in an admirable manner. She has 30 pupils enrolled.

Skating is very good in the Gallinas canon one and a half miles above the Hot Springs depot. Some twenty young people from the city put in yesterday afternoon up there.

The acre track at the foot of Montezuma bluff which formerly served as anything but a picturesque pond is being plowed over and leveled off and will be seeded to grass.

The 4,000,000 gallon reservoir located on the mountain 175 feet higher than the big hostelry, affords the Montezuma and other buildings about the park almost perfect fire protection.

Manager W. G. Greenleaf's home cottage has just been painted afresh in the popular colors, lemon and white. Other buildings in that locality would be greatly improved in appearance if given similar attention.

Otto Teichmann, of St. Louis; Mrs. Nathan Smith, of New York; Mrs. Ratcliff, of Little Rock; Mrs. Weitzel, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lackman, of Cincinnati, and their two beautiful children are among the Montezuma's guests who are rapidly recovering health and good spirits under Dr. Bailey's kindly care.

Miss Minnie Clark, a talented young woman from Toronto, possessed of a very pleasing personality, has been lately appointed to the responsible position of head nurse at the Montezuma. She has under her charge eight trained nurses. In the bath house Miss Hall is in charge of the ladies' section, while in the gentleman's section two skilled masseuses are on duty.

The Park house, which has accommodations for twenty guests, has been leased by a Mr. Heineman, late of Kansas City, and Mr. J. W. Whalen, of Fort Worth, Texas, a Rough Rider trooper, who attributes his restored health to a few weeks' sojourn at the springs. The house will be refurnished throughout this week and will soon be ready for business. A neat stock of family groceries has also been put in by these gentlemen.

Guests who have registered at the Montezuma within a short time are Samuel Morgan and wife, San Jose, Calif.; R. K. Jameson and wife, Topeka; J. M. Howard, Boston; J. W. Withrow, Neosho, Mo.; Henry F. Lackman and wife, and two children, Miss Sophie Meyer, Cincinnati; Dr. G. M. Emerick, Chicago; Wesley Merritt, Chanute, Kas.; E. C. Dumorant, Pittsburg, Pa.; E. C. Drew, New York City.

Stacks of advertising matter dealing with the attractions of Las Vegas Hot Springs for health seekers have been going out by mail for months. Two stenographers and typewriters and two employees who operate the mimeograph are kept steadily busy. These pamphlets, papers and letters are sent to all parts of the world, European cities are receiving special attention. The postage thereon is itself a big item of cost. Indeed, it is because of this large increase in the cancellation of stamps that the Hot Springs postoffice will on the first of the year be raised to a third-class office.

ACCUSED HOLD UP ON TRIAL.

The Highly Interesting Case of Charles
Collings Called in the U. S. Court
Today.

Charles Collings, former manager of the Aztec mine near Elizabethtown, is on trial in the U. S. district court today charged with complicity in holding up the Denver & Gulf express train at Des Moines, six miles south of Folsom, on the night of September 3, 1897. Tom and Sam Ketchum, the former called "Black Jack," and Billy Carver are presumed to have been his associates. These latter three hailed from San Angelo, Texas.

Four masked men boarded the train at Folsom and at 9:45 p. m., two of them climbed over the tender and at the muzzle of their guns ordered the engineer to halt the train. The train men were then stood up in a row while two of the robbers went through the mail and express car. They secured considerable booty, \$800 of which, a souvenir spoon and other articles were afterward found in Collings' possession. John Green, of Las Vegas, traced the crime down in a most clever manner, got possession of some of the coin in Collings' possession, the spoon, etc., followed him to Bisbee, Ariz., and arrested him. Collings will undertake to prove an alibi; prove that he was in Baldy mining camp on the night of the hold up. The theory of the government officers is that Collings, if not actually engaged and on the scene, was one of the prime movers in the robbery; that the affair was planned at his house and that he participated in the booty. Some twenty witnesses are here to testify in the case, among them Conductor Frank Harrington, Engineer Wm. Crofoot and Fireman Ed Cackley, who were in charge of the train on the night of the hold up; W. H. Reno, special agent of the D. & G. road, Denver; Dr. J. J. Shuler, of Raton; C. J. Gavin and wife, of Baldy; J. W. Green and brother, now of Chihuahua, Mexico; Mrs. Irma Lapsley, of Trinidad; W. M. Williams and C. Olson, of Springer. Collings' wife and baby are in the court room intently watching the proceedings.

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